

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2891 - SB 3233

March 3, 2008

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes minors 14 years of age or older to participate in work experience and career exploration programs. Requires the State Board of Education to adopt rules and regulations for such programs. Requires the Commissioner of Education to monitor such programs and register with the U.S. Department of Labor for participation in the federal Work Experience and Career Exploration program. Permits minors under a juvenile court's jurisdiction to be eligible for enrollment in a charter school and to participate in work exploration and career experience programs at the court's direction.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

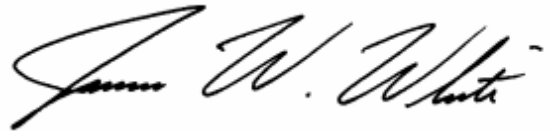
Increase Local Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- According to the State Board of Education, technical work experience and career exploration courses have been approved by the Board, requiring no further curriculum development. According to the Department of Education, current programs target minors 16 years old and older. Any cost to current programs to move the age limit to 14 years of age and align such change with federal child labor standards is estimated to be not significant.
- Currently all local education agencies and charter schools have the option to offer these programs and courses. Any cost to local government is estimated to be not significant.
- No additional administrative cost to register with the federal Work Experience and Career Exploration program.
- Charter schools will not be forced by court order to admit more children than their current number of open slots. Currently, only one charter school is operating below capacity.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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James W. White, Executive Director

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